

RADICALS TO FIGHT FOR LABOR CONTROL

Indications That Extremists Seek to Capture American Federation of Labor.

COAL STRIKE A FACTOR

If Miners Win Lewis Will Probably Renew Combat With Gompers.

UNIONISM FACING CRISIS

Conservatives, With Backs to Wall, Blame Radicals for Unsatisfactory Situation.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

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Radicalism is preparing to battle conservatism for control of the policy of organized labor at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor scheduled to open June 10 at Cincinnati.

President Samuel Gompers and members of the executive council, who represent the conservative wing of the organization, will draw up their plan of defense at a meeting May 10.

Radical leaders, Socialists from the garment trades and some of the delegates from Cleveland, Detroit and the Pacific coast will organize at a caucus which probably will be held during the opening days of the convention.

President Gompers, if he wants to be reelected, may be obliged to fight for the position, as he did last year at the convention in Denver, when he defeated John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

Supporting Gompers are Matthew Wolf of Chicago, John Tobin of Indianapolis and James Dunlop, vice-president of the federation and head of the Granite Cutters' Union.

Gompers thus far has not indicated whether he will be a candidate for reelection, but it is generally believed he will be nominated as a matter of course. With the exception of one term he has guided the federation since its beginning, more than half a century ago.

Probably never in the federation's history has organized labor been so little supported as now. Assailed on every side the organization is fighting with its back to the wall. In numerous

speeches President Gompers has complained of court decisions unfavorable to organized labor, employers throughout the country are conducting a campaign to re-establish the open shop in every community. In Kansas the Industrial Court has gained ground and wages are falling throughout the United States, despite the fact that it has always been the federation's boast that it maintained a high standard of pay.

The present status of organized labor is due entirely to the attitude within its ranks of some radical leaders, according to members of the conservative group. They complain that had the rank and file of labor followed the Gompers leadership completely within the last two years all would have been well and the movement would have been stronger and larger than ever.

Membership Falling Off.

It is a matter of record that at the Denver convention Secretary Morrison made a report showing that the total paid up membership had declined.

The radical leaders claim that the "straw" of the federation is being weakened by the prestige of the movement. There is a militant policy. Thus far the conservative element, headed by Gompers, has maintained control of the situation, which, however, has not been as firm as desired.

The fight to unseat Gompers at the Denver convention was a manifestation of the struggle between the conservative and radical forces. The victory of Gompers strengthened the conservative group, its members contend. No opposition will be ventured at the Cincinnati convention, they predict, saying the radicals are now whipped and the conservatives are free to go ahead and make policies without regard to them. This claim is put forth to inspire confidence, and Gompers and his lieutenants, keeping their ears to the ground for the first whisper of opposition, declare that neither Lewis nor any one else will dare to oppose the candidacy of the labor veteran for re-election as president of the federation.

At the same time some predict that Gompers will now voluntarily retire, having this view on the belief that having defeated Lewis and the radicals at the last convention, retirement can be effected gracefully.

Mr. Gompers, remaining absolutely quiet, gives no indication whatever as to what he plans to do, but some of his friends say he aspires to "die in harness."

No matter what Gompers does, it is certain that he has a standing in the labor movement that inspires general good will from nearly all, even his enemies. At the Montreal convention in 1920 the convention fought him on the issue of public ownership of railroads and then raised his salary. Mr. Gompers declined to accept the salary increase. The same delegates who had opposed him in a policy then voted to increase the salary over Mr. Gompers' protest.

Coal Strike a Factor.

The attitude of the Gompers group will be revealed to the Cincinnati convention in the report of the executive council, which will be prepared largely at the meeting on May 10. This report, an annual affair, will be a history of the movement, its defeats and victories, since the Denver convention.

Among the questions which probably will be discussed in the report will be the Kansas Industrial Court, court decisions adverse to labor, bonus legislation, the railroad situation, compulsory

arbitration, the open shop movement and the coal strike.

Should the coal strike still be in progress when the convention meets, the miners' delegates will seek to obtain aid and moral support from the delegates. The form in which this will be requested may precipitate a struggle, although the convention is logically bound to support almost any strike undertaken to advance the principles of trade unionism.

Berlin Now Center

OF MYSTERY MURDERS

Both Sexes Supply Victims for Night Slayings.

BERLIN, April 29 (Associated Press).

Mysterious murders of both sexes have been occurring almost nightly in Berlin. The motives generally are attributed to robbery or to political jealousy, or both.

Obscure individuals belonging to the jetsam of Eastern Europe, which collects here, are able often to carry out their fiendish outrages with personal impunity, as shown by the recent murder of two Turks, supposedly by Armenians.

People who go out after saloon closing time do so at their own risk, for holdups by "night hawks" are frequent, even in the central streets. The police crime squad is greatly troubled in tracing the miscreants, who seem to find less difficulty in crossing the inadequately controlled Russian frontiers than other borders, where bothersome passport formalities vex even bona fide travelers.

The police for the first time this week tried a new method of identifying a young man who had been shot in the head in a West End street. They placed a description of his body with a reproduction of his death mask, so that the ghastly picture stared at all beholders.

One sardonic newspaper commentator points out that an easy way to get rich quick would be to solve a half dozen crime puzzles and reap rewards that have been offered aggregating a quarter of a million marks.

SOVIET FORMS TRUSTS TAKING 51 PER CENT.

German Manufacturers Get 49 in Bolshevik Plan.

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The Bolshevik and German manufacturers are working together on the program for the formation of large commercial combines and industrial trusts for facilitating trade and restoring life to Russian industry.

A member of the German commission negotiating with the Bolsheviks said that they have reached an agreement whereby German investors will supply 49 per cent. of the capital and the Bolsheviks 51 per cent. in a serious effort to build up Russia's basic industries. But the Germans will not risk their money until private property has been given such legal guarantees as other Powers have recognized as ample.



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